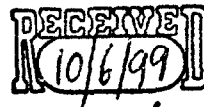


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Elizabeth A. Yetley, Director
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Washington, DC 20204

Re: OCEAN ESSENTIALS™ Cartilage Health

Dear Dr. Yetley:

Pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994, this is to inform you that Ocean Essentials intends to make the following claim on the label of the above referenced product and certifies that it has substantiation that the statement is truthful and not misleading.

"Natural glucosamine supplements support the necessary building of cartilage and promote the important shock absorbing properties of joint cartilage."

Very truly yours,

Kim S. Mitchell
Assistant Secretary

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